

MRC visitation crisis imminent administration promises arrests

By GARY L. McCULLOUGH

Dr. Leo Jenkins' ad hoc committee, adhering to its announced Feb. 22 deadline, reached a decision: its recommendation that men's dormitories be open to women visitors on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon until one-half hour before women's curfew was sent to the University's president.

This recommendation would go into effect pending approval of Dr. Jenkins and the Board of Trustees and the establishment of some means of enforcement.

The Men's Residence Council passed its own visitation policy Feb. 23, which would open men's dormitories to women visitors seven days a week from 12 noon until women's curfew. This policy is to go into effect on Tuesday, March 9, and a confrontation between the MRC and the administration seems inevitable.

Extension of visitation hours until recently has not caused difficulty. Visitation was first established during Carousell weekend of last year, later expanded to be allowed on any weekend the MRC requested. Hours at this time were from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The MRC Executive Council worked during the summer to have visitation set up on Friday and Saturdays on a permanent basis. During fall quarter of this year the Council made its seven day a week visitation proposal.

In response to this proposal, Dr. Jenkins appointed an ad hoc committee to be chaired by Dr. James H. Tucker, dean of student affairs. Other committee members were Deans James B. Mallory and Carolyn A. Fulghum, John R. Ball, Dr. Miriam B. Moore, Gary King, Dottie McGee, and Bob Whitley.

It was with the creation of this committee that dissent from the Men's Residence Council and many male residents first arose.

The MRC had many complaints with the committee. While Council representatives were invited to speak at two meetings, they were not allowed to vote, and the MRC's only voice was Gary King, president of the Council.

Many representatives did not feel that King was fulfilling his duties, for his policy from the beginning seemed one of compromise. The Council also felt that with the establishment of the ad hoc committee, its proposal would not be looked at objectively.

Nevertheless, the Council sought to assist the committee in ways possible. In response to a request for specific penalties for visitation violations, the

Council's committee drew up a set of penalties and granted the MRC Court original jurisdiction over violation cases. An amendment to the constitution raising the fine from \$10 to \$20 was passed.

At an MRC visitation rally, Council members asked that the ad hoc committee have a deadline, at which time its decision should be made known. When a deadline was set for Feb. 22, the Council urged students to wait patiently for the committee's decision.

The ad hoc committee was not as agreeable. Despite Council requests that they not be sent, questionnaires were sent to the parents of dormitory students to ask their opinions on visitation, coed dormitories, and self-limiting hours for women.

Although the committee said that the response to this questionnaire would not influence its decision, the main reason given for the committee's rejection of the MRC proposal was that parental responses had been negative. Its second reason was that under MRC supervision there had not been many write-ups by Council members for violations.

Even so, the administration has been willing to make some compromise, extending visitation on weekends from 12 noon until curfew and allowing visitation on the Sunday of Carousell weekend.

Now, however, the time for compromise has come to an end. A confrontation on March 9 seems at this point impossible to avoid, unless Dr. Jenkins agrees to the MRC's action. To do this would mean that Dr. Jenkins is disregarding the recommendation of his own committee and the opinions of so many parents who expressed their opposition to visitation.

On the other hand, the administration has already begun to take action. One hall proctor who serves on the MRC and strongly endorsed the Council's proposal has already been asked to resign his position.

The dissent which has been brewing for many months is rapidly reaching a climax. Unless a compromise is reached quickly, students who follow the MRC's policy face being written-up, while the administration may be heir to ill-feelings and bad publicity.



DEAN OF MEN JAMES MALLORY sits on the steps of Whichard and contemplates the problems involved in visitation in the men's dormitories. He has offered a third alternative solution to the current entanglement: a four-day visitation plan. See related interview on this page.

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MRC president Bixon sets forth 'reasonable' visitation proposal

By TIM BIXON

The MRC is asking for visitation in the dormitories. Our proposal is not asking for anything unreasonable or more than other schools with visitation have. The MRC proposal is as follows:

Subject to the following provisions and limitations, individual student rooms in men's undergraduate residence halls and houses may be used for informal social activities and study dates in which members of the opposite sex are entertained by residents. A. Open house activities may be held daily on those dates in which the University is officially in session.

B. All Open House must take place within the hours here prescribed. The following hours are subject to updating in accordance to keep pace with change in girls curfew hours for the school year 1970-71. Those hours are subject to review by the MRC visitation committee starting May 1, 1971. The hours for visitation are as follows:

Sundays through Thursdays: 12 noon until 12:30 a.m.
Fridays and Saturdays: 12 noon until 2:00 a.m.

C. The MRC visitation committee has the authority to extend hours in case of special group activities in accordance with extended hours of women's dorms.

D. This agreement does not supersede other University city requirements concerning closing hours.
E. It shall be stated in the Key that East Carolina University has visitation and that it shall not be held responsible for any incidents by students. All violations will come under the jurisdiction of the MRC court.

Rules and Regulations

A. Policies concerning visitation will be distributed through the appropriate channels to all men on the hill.
B. The MRC shall designate two students to serve as officers responsible for the enforcement of the terms of the agreement in each dorm.

C. The hours between 12 noon and 6 p.m. shall not require supervision. That is, that the appointed officers shall not work during the hours of 6 p.m. until the end of visitation.

D. It is the individual's responsibility to conduct himself in accordance with the Honor Code as stated in the Key.

Penalties

The following penalties are reserved to the MRC court for offenses against this agreement:

1. Fine - It should first be decided if the fine would hurt the individual or the parents of said individual. If the

fine would hurt the parents, then another method of penalty shall be used. The fine is at the discretion of the court and has a maximum of \$20.
2. Social Probation
3. Referral to higher court.

Other schools in the state have what we are asking for. Robert W. Fisher, assistant Housing Director at North Carolina State University at Raleigh, said that "in effect, each individual residence hall may have an open house at any time between the hours of 12:00 noon and 2:00 a.m." He also said, "in my opinion the policy has worked very well." Frederick W. Schroeder, Jr., Dean of Men at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill says that the policies used so

far are "in general good" but he admits that they have some problems with the enforcement of the violations by the student officers.

The Administration at East Carolina University seems to ignore views from the other Universities despite the fact that they write and ask for their opinion. East Carolina University administrators do not want to listen to anything that they do not agree with. This institution is backward in its thinking and does not know how to catch up to the times. The MRC is giving the administration the means to catch up but we are ignored or overruled. This situation has to stop. Support the MRC on March 9.

Legislator calls students 'islands' urges support in protest

By CINDY MAULTSBY

During a recent series of interviews, this legislator was appalled at the fear, lack of information, and passivity she found among the women dormitory students.

Many did not know anything about the MRC and WRC plans for visitation. Whether this ignorance is labeled lack of communication or apathy is unimportant. What is important is that it does exist and must be bridged.

Even more surprising than this lack of information were the expressions of fear about the administration's power to punish individuals that were prominent.
However, knowingly or unknowingly it was done, fear of the administration has been formulated on this campus. Many students were afraid to sign a letter to the editor of the Fountainhead which stated that the women dormitory students supported both the residence council's programs concerning visitation. They were afraid that the administration would either expel them, or take away their scholarships for voicing their opinions. It seems strange that such complete

brainwashing and autocracy could exist on a 20th century university campus. It is especially disconcerting that this is even evident in a student oriented and created organ such as the Fountainhead. Perhaps most shocking is the fact that it exists in the students' own column created for the express use of voicing their opinions.

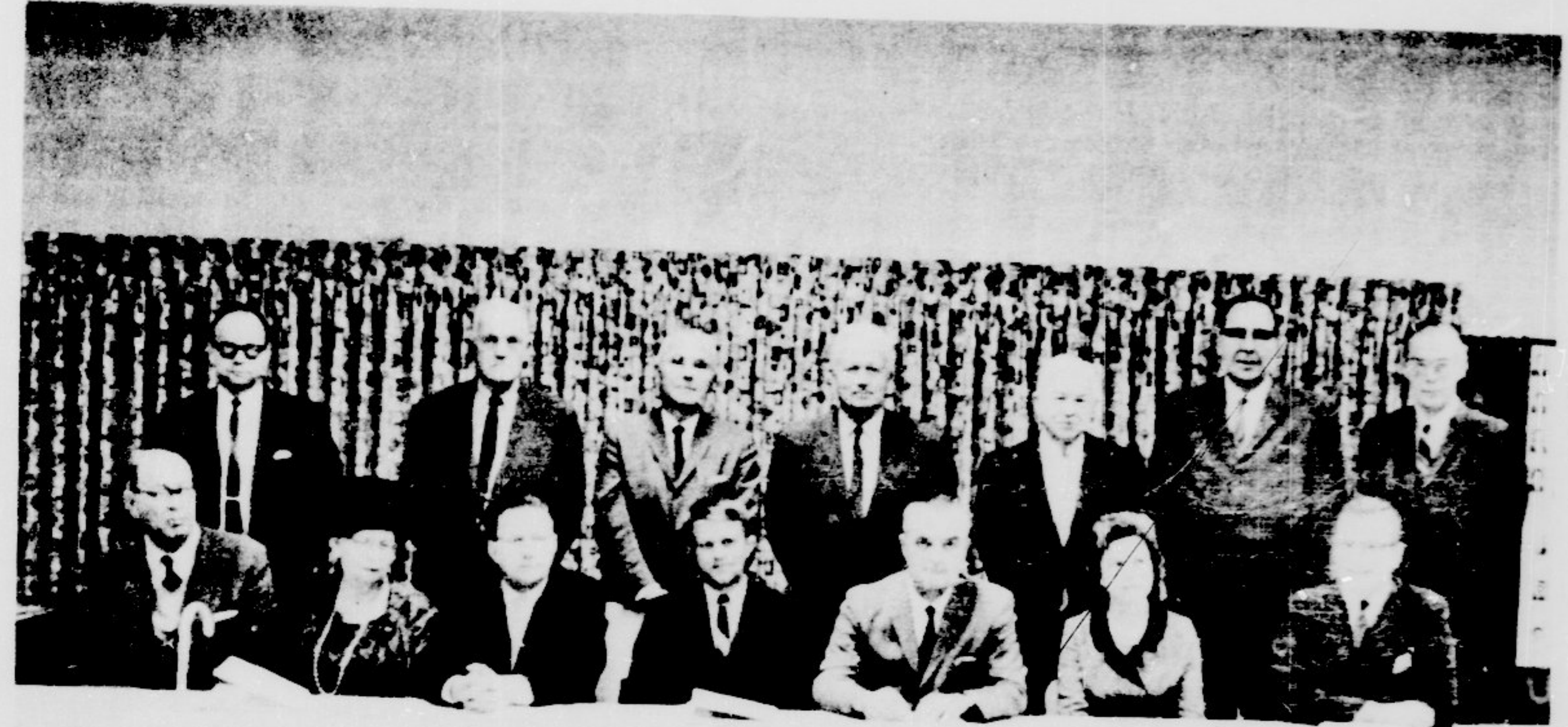
Many people have criticized ECU as being the largest high school in the state. Before taking the defensive, each student should look closely at his environment.
ECU has been known to have the worst audiences, spectators, and team supporters in the state. It also has the most apathetic student body. Not only does the average student not want to do anything, but he also does not even care to know anything.

I hypothesize that the average ECU student is the closest living example of the immortal words, "No man is an island." Here, each student is indeed an "island unto himself" afraid to bridge the gap between the administration and the students. This can be seen no clearer in any area than that of visitation policies.
I'm sure that I might have "stepped on many toes" by now. If I have, then at least

I have accomplished part of my purpose to make more people raise their heads and see what is happening. Then, each student will finally realize that what is happening concerns his own rights and privileges as an individual. Therefore, every student needs to help collectively.

Absolute individuality never won a battle; collective bargaining is much more effective.
On March 9 the MRC plans to open the Men's dorms for daily visitation. The administration must think that the student of this University is either interested or a little bit concerned about visitation. They believe fornication and visitation go hand in hand. They fail to realize that the majority of the students here are politically classified as adults. It's about time that they were morally treated as adults.

If any member is interested in helping the MRC in its fight against the administration, please either contact me or come to a meeting that will be held in the student union room 206 on Monday, March 8 at 7 p.m. Many important things will be happening. Any support that can help will be greatly appreciated.



ECU BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Tuesday, March 9 in Raleigh to consider the complete situation involving visitation in the men's dormitories. ECU President Leo Jenkins will present a proposal which was given to him recently after a study was made by the ad hoc

committee. The MRC has offered an alternative proposal opening the dorms for seven-day visitation starting on March 9 due to their rejection of the ad hoc committee's report. A confrontation hopefully will result in a solution to the problem.

Administration members comment on visitation

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an interview between Dean of Men James Mallory; Dean of Women Carolyn Fulghum; and Fountainhead representative Jim Eichling. The interview took place March 2 in Dean Mallory's office. Also present were Assistant Dean of Men C.C. Rowe and Dean of Student Affairs, James Tucker. Both of these men expressed concurrence with those sentiments expressed by Dean Mallory.

Fountainhead: What is being done concerning visitation on the hill?

Mallory: The Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, March 9 in Raleigh. At this time, a recommendation will be presented to them by President Leo Jenkins who in turn was presented the recommendation by the ad hoc committee.

Fountainhead: What was the ad hoc committee's recommendation?

Mallory: The committee recommended, in essence, that visitation be allowed on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Fountainhead: If female students were to visit on the hill Tuesday, would they be subject to punishment, such as lifting their IDs?

Mallory: Well, let's put it this way. The visitation rule for the visitation policy that may exist is still in effect and will be in effect until some action is taken by the Board.

Fountainhead: Couldn't the MRC passage of this bill be termed a negation of the previous policy?

Mallory: The MRC has no right to supersede any policy. All policies that change rules and regulations must be approved by the administration. It would be like the SGA meeting tomorrow and deciding that they only wanted to go to class four days a week.

Fountainhead: Isn't it true that the constitution as stated in the Key says that all regulations are subject to changes by the MRC and the administration?

Mallory: That's right but they forgot to put in this year's (Key) one of the most important things. They forgot to put in "approved by the administration." There is no such thing as autonomy, period. Dr. Jenkins as President of this institution approves all actions of all organizations and all committees.

Fountainhead: Concerning the questionnaire, why was it sent out to the parents instead of students?

Mallory: Because we feel as long as parents pay the bill they are entitled to have their policies known. The committee used these as a guideline.

Fountainhead: Who appointed the ad hoc committee?

Mallory: Dr. Jenkins. It was consisted of faculty, administration and students.

Fountainhead: Who were the students on the committee?

Mallory: The president of the SGA, the president of the MRC and the president of the WRC.

Fountainhead: What authority do parents have? Does the administration go under the assumption that students do not pay school expenses and that someone else is footing the bill?

Mallory: Even if the students were footing 100 per cent of the bill, your still have lines of delineation and demarcation and you still have to have reasonable rules and regulations.

Fountainhead: Why is that?

Mallory: Because it's that way anywhere, it's that way in society. Do you think that when you leave ECU that you're going to go out and do what you want and not be bound by any rules and regulations?

Fountainhead: Well, if I were renting an apartment I'd have the right to have whoever I want to visit me. Isn't the University basically renting apartments on the hill?

Mallory: We're not renting apartments. Courts have already ruled that dormitory

living is not the same as apartment and due to the unique relationship between the University and the student that certain restrictions and certain openness exist.

Fountainhead: Do you think that open visitation will lead to more promiscuity?

Mallory: I don't think the word moral ever came up as far as I know.

Fountainhead: Are there no morality issues involved?

Mallory: One of the big things that the dormitories was a total lack of facilities or really have adequate visitation.

Fountainhead: What kind of facilities are you referring to, lavatories?

Mallory: Facilities, period. You have two beds, two desks, two chairs, two closets, and that's it. And the rooms are small.

Fountainhead: This question is probably off the wall, but what does "ad hoc" mean?

Mallory: Ad hoc is a committee with a special function.

Fountainhead: In comparison, is ECU noted for its academic climate?

Mallory: I just wish someone, somewhere, would come across with some idea of how it could improve academic climate, not just here, but everywhere. It seems that the world academic, intellectual, etc. is being pushed off because I feel, and I'm sure you feel, that an educated man is a total man.

Fountainhead: That would appear to be an argument for open visitation. Why should the school concern itself with such trivial as visitation?

Mallory: Making rules should be a cooperative effort and this is the way we operate. There's not a single rule in the Key that wasn't put there without students having the majority vote.

Fountainhead: One shot only, so to speak?

Mallory: One shot only, exactly right. Once your recommendations are made, then an ad hoc committee is dissolved. I feel that after the board of trustees gets our recommendation and studies the whole picture that this whole thing will be resolved.

Fountainhead: What did you personally recommend to them?

Mallory: Four-day visitation and definite changes in supervision. This, of course, will be worked out between the MRC and the administration.

Fountainhead: Some MRC members are bitter towards the WRC's apparent apathy. Has the WRC shied away from this issue? If so, why?

Fulghum: Because, the women don't want visitation. They've got exactly what they want now so far as I know, because I've heard no complaints from the women students at all. They did ask for night visitation which they got. They got curfew from 12 p.m. to one hour before curfew. That's all they asked for. I think women are a little more concerned about their privacy than men. They're taking into consideration those students who are absolutely against it.

Now, I'm sure that not 100 per cent of the women are satisfied because you're not going to get a plan where the women are 100 per cent satisfied. Consensus of opinion from women students right now is that they're satisfied with it. Usually, when there's a rule as up in the air as this one, you'll get someone in to complain about it. I've heard not one complain.

I asked women students in general as they came from classes what they thought about it and they were satisfied with it.

Fountainhead: It has been said that the school is trying to legislate morality by outlawing persons of the opposite sex. It has also been said that the administration is apparently encouraging homosexuality. What is your reaction to these claims?

Mallory: Oh, Lord, how ridiculous can you be. The idea of encouraging homosexuality in a free and democratic society when kids are free to come and go as they please, is ridiculous. If we kept kids behind bars for 24 hours a day like they do in Central Prison, I might buy that. But these kids come and go as they please. They've got all the freedom in the world. And that's the most ludicrous, absurd thing I've ever heard of in my life. You have to admit that.

Fountainhead: How would you compare this to European universities?

Mallory: Most universities look upon visitation as a privilege, not a right. They hesitate to permit on a university campus that which is not condoned in society.

Fountainhead: Is visitation not condoned in society?

Mallory: In most schools and society in general, it is not condoned for the boys to go to the girls' bedroom.

Fountainhead: Couldn't the key to visitation be taken from day students who

are members of the academic community and who have open visitation?

Mallory: You don't take the key from anybody. You try to do what you think is right, within reason. The president said to set up a workable plan. At first, the men on the hill wanted it on special occasions, then on Saturdays, then weekends, and now seven days a week, and probably soon, 24-hours a day.

Fountainhead: What would you personally want?

Mallory: My personal likes don't enter into it. I legislate on the basis of fact, not on the basis of like and dislike.

Fountainhead: It has been rumored that women's curfew will be abolished soon. Would that make 24-hour visitation possible?

Mallory: Definitely not. There is no way, as far as I'm concerned, and I'm speaking personally, that I would ever vote or recommend 24-hour visitation. Chapel Hill, Duke and State have turned thumbs down on it. They operate in a framework.

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MRC Representative Luisana speaks out on visitation controversy

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rob Luisana, MRC Governor of Tyler Dormitory, has been a leading force behind the MRC drive for open day visitation. Fountainhead contacted Luisana for his views on the controversy. Our questions and his answers follow.

Q. Do you think the ad hoc committee was fairly composed?

A. No, out of the seven committee members there were four administration officials, plus Gary King and Dottie McGee representing the administration. The students were represented by Bob Whitley, who doesn't live in the dorm.

Q. Were you surprised by the ad hoc committee decision?

A. Yes, it was hard to believe that seven intelligent people could have reached the decision they made.

Q. What was this decision made by the ad hoc committee?

A. They decided it was all right for the men to associate with the opposite sex on weekends and just to prove how really

liberal they were they added Wednesdays.

Q. What do you think made the committee decide on Wednesdays?

A. The only explanation I've heard is that it's Prince Spaghetti Day.

Q. What action has the MRC taken in response to the ad hoc committee decision?

A. We did what we probably should have done long ago. We passed a bill providing for visitation from 12 noon til girls curfew seven days a week.

Q. How do you think the administration will react to what the MRC has done?

A. I have heard no official word yet. Tim Bixon and myself are meeting with Dr. Jenkins on March 8 to discuss the situation.

Q. If Dr. Jenkins offers you a compromise solution on the 8th would you accept it?

A. The only answer Dr. Jenkins can give that is acceptable to myself is for him to accept the hours laid down by the MRC.

Q. If there are police waiting to arrest anyone who enters the dorms on the 9th with a girl are you willing to risk arrest?

A. Yes, if it comes down to that.

Q. Do you think the MRC action will set a precedent for other branches of student government?

A. God, I hope so.

Q. Is the WRC supporting you?

A. I'm sure Dean Fulghum will tell the WRC what they are supposed to think about the situation. So I doubt that they will receive much help from them.

Q. Dean Mallory has said that there is no principle involved in this conflict. Has the MRC based its action on any principles?

A. Well, I can think of at least three of them. 1. Is the University going to have complete control over the personal life of its students? 2. Are student governments

going to be treated as puppets by the administration or are they actually going to be allowed to govern? 3. Are we going to assume the role of human beings before or after our roles as students?

Q. The SGA is supporting the action taken by the MRC. What type of support are they giving you?

A. Just for them to endorse what we have done is a help. But Bob Whitley has told me the SGA would handle any legal expenses and would post bond for students who were arrested.

Q. A number of administration officials say that visitation is a privilege and not a right.

A. That could depend on your definition of privilege. If you're crazy enough to think that it's a privilege to talk to another person in the privacy of your own room,

then you're probably crazy enough to call it a privilege.

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Students to provide guidance for administrators

As students at ECU, we are indebted to this kind and loving administration for guiding us from the pathways of sin and corruption. It seems only fair, therefore, to show our gratification by imposing the same regulations upon the administration that it has imposed upon us, unless, like the father who having led his son away from the pit falls into the hole himself, the administrators likewise are fooled by the follies of sin. The following rules, therefore, should be established as soon as possible.

Women administrators are to be in their homes by closing hour, which will be 12:30 a.m. on weeknights and 2 a.m. on weekends. Women administrators wishing to go home to their approved areas overnight must fill out an off-campus permit and receive permission from all women students no later than 10 a.m. on the day of leaving.

Any woman administrator who has not been in a position of authority for at

least five years will be considered a freshman. As such, she is subject to "Closed Office," which means that she must be in her office every weeknight from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. During this time she may receive no visitors, nor any local telephone calls. She may be allowed to go to the library, music hall, or gymnasium, or go with or without a date to special activities. All freshmen women administrators will not be allowed to venture out of her bedroom after closing hours except to use the lavatory. Any violations of these rules will result in severe punishment, including demerits, probation, restriction, and loss of "brownie points."

All administrators who have not been in a position of authority for at least 15 years will be expected to live in dormitories. They are also expected to abide by all dormitory regulations. They may cook in their rooms, but they are

not to use units over 1,000 watts. Alcoholic consumption in dormitories is forbidden and they are not to engage in any form of hazing or gambling. An atmosphere conducive to administrative paperwork is to be maintained at all times. Male administrators may receive women administrators as guests, but only during approved hours of visitation of Fridays and Saturdays; guests must be registered, room doors must remain open, hall proctors must be on duty, and room check must be held prior to visitation. Letters will be sent to the parents of the administrators, of course, to request their opinions.

We hope that no administrator will feel that his imposition is being questioned by our institution of the above regulations. Quite to the contrary, these regulations should allow the administrator to be responsible for himself—as long as he does what we tell him to do.

Administration denies visitation is a right

By PHILIP WILLIAMS
(Staff Writer)

The lines are clearly drawn now in the visitation dispute. There appear to be two opposing camps, both equally self-righteous, both equally sure of public support, both hopeful of victory.

The Men's Residence Council's main contention is that visitation is a right, not a privilege. The administration takes an opposing stance.

The MRC contends that because freshmen and sophomores are required to live in the dorm, and because they are paying rent comparable to that in normal privately owned rooming complexes, the men on the Hill have certain inalienable rights, not to be abridged by academic and social standards imposed without consent.

The administration answers these challenges by asserting, "You knew the rules when you came here. You didn't have to come to ECU."

This callous attitude is expressed almost unanimously by lower ranking administration officials, and those are the ones the students have to deal with daily. No matter what good intentions are

proclaimed from higher up in the administration, they will not be reality for the students.

It's very true that no one was forced to come to ECU.

But that is a very poor rationale for avoiding social progress and denying reasonable opportunity for change.

Dormitories are symptomatic of an older idea of University education, one no longer creditable, that of total University regulation of student life. The vestigial remnants of this school of thought as applied to ECU is the heart of nearly all MRC-administration quarrels.

The only lasting solution to these quarrels is direct negotiations between the administration and truly representative student leaders, of the students' choice. These bargaining sessions are essential to a speedy and just settlement.

Student government must be guaranteed a place in university life. Student government is a cruel hoax so long as it exists "at the pleasure of the President of the University."

Dr. Jenkins, are you listening? All your chickens done come home to roost.

Negotiations essential for just settlement

By CECIL MYERS
(MRC Representative)

Recent events have caused an increasing number of ECU students to question whether this university exists for individual development through higher education or whether this university actually exists as a political stepping stone for its President, an excuse for the institutionalization of the moral dictates of some zealous but hypocritical old puritans and as a factory to mass produce a plastic product which should be labeled "a genuine reproduction of the ECTC graduate of 1939."

These students see more and more that the very modern buildings, and the glorious plans for a med school, and all the printed propaganda hailing ECU progressiveness is simply a grand facade to cover up the inadequacies created by the Jenkins Plan to become a replica of UNC at Chapel Hill overnight.

This recipe for instant university has left much to be desired. The students have been short changed because an important ingredient called "student freedom" has been left out and the ECU cake is therefore rising "whopside down."

While frantic lobbying is going on before the N.C. General Assembly to give ECU greater status through more legislation the

students, after being ignored by the administration, have sought the same legitimate means to attain a more natural and enlightened environment by passing visitation legislation comparable to that of Chapel Hill and the other schools that the administration is so anxious to copy.

However, the proof is in the tasting and the students tried to cut themselves as if it had been inflated by hot air. The threats and intimidation that have ensued has revealed to many students the raw political ambitions of President Jenkins, the unhealthy and artificial attitude toward and obsessive emphasis on sex by the Dean of Men and Women, and the very evident put off (which was covered up by the rhetoric put-on) tactic of the Ad-Hoc Committee.

However if these students have misinterpreted these recent events there will be no doubt left Tuesday when the doors will be opened on the Hill for all students, regardless of sex. Dr. Jenkins and his subordinates in the administration will prove their true intentions when they bar the doors as they have threatened or realize visitation has been long overdue and back the MRC legislation. The season for strawberry statements is over.

Oppress protest action

Confrontation now bad strategy?

By JAMES LEE
(MRC Representative)

Taking matters into one's own hands here at the University, or anywhere for that matter, should be used as a last resort only. The MRC on February 23, voted to open the men's dormitories to visitation on March 9.

I voted against the proposal because I felt that most of the members of the council were reacting to the "ad hoc" committee's report and not to the reality of the situation that existed. The "ad hoc" committee's report is clearly an insult to students and their motives, but it is not the final decision of the administration.

There is a great deal of evidence that the faculty members who served on the committee were totally unfamiliar with dorm life and were also unwilling to accept the student members, who were familiar with the situation, as equals on the committee. This evidence should be presented to Dr. Jenkins along with a

request that the committee's report be rejected and that the MRC's plan, which is far more reasonable and has overwhelming student support, be submitted to the trustees.

Even if Dr. Jenkins turns down the request, he will have been forced to make a choice and to take a stand on visitation. The MRC will be able to truthfully say that there is no other recourse to win the students' rights but to open the dorms on its own. The council cannot take this position now because the administration has not made a decision on visitation.

The administration should also know what the students want and be able to make a decision on their proposals. The MRC does not seem to be greatly concerned with the fact that the only proposal before the administration is the "ad hoc" committee report and that the actions they are taking will make a fruitful meeting between their representatives and the administration almost impossible. I therefore could not and cannot support their actions.

Editorials and Commentary

Challenge

To Fountainhead:
Although people are probably getting tired of seeing David Edwards say this in the school paper or that about the SGA, some of its members and general apathy on campus, I find it once again necessary to write the Fountainhead to clear up or start a controversy.

First, in relation to the letter submitted by Bill Shelton and friends, I have a comment. You are attacking the Fountainhead mainly for things I have said, not it.

Secondly, I never say or rather never try to say something I cannot back up, but I am not perfect and neither is the paper. But I do know the paper is honest and I can vouch for myself too, if it makes any difference. (No, I do not work for the Fountainhead or any other publication.)

You also say "it's time we let our beleaguered SGA officials alone." I might agree if you accept the assumption that they left the students alone not too far after their election.

You also ask for some articles on the policy of not allowing students to drop a course because of a "bad" teacher? Gentlemen, I have already got a resolution introduced and passed in the SGA to do just that. Weren't you at that meeting?

Concerning the Rebel and using the money for other constructive purposes (while the Rebel would be on a voluntary subscription basis), I introduced that about four months ago; it was tabled for two more months and then not allowed to be even debated on. Weren't you at those SGA meetings either?

I do agree with you that these are more pressing issues to ECU students than changing what may be a very good SGA. But if you had ever gone to a SGA meeting, you would find out that pressing issues are not important, but rather relatively unimportant issues, or whose turn it is to argue (not debate) or whose turn it is to leave the meeting early. (An average of from 10 to 15 legislators leave the meetings early.)

Usually our most pressing issue in the SGA is whether we have a quorum or not. So before you begin to cut down the Fountainhead, remember it is one of the few things on this campus which serves the students' best interests.

See you at the next SGA meeting.
David Edwards
SGA Legislator

Time for action
To Fountainhead:
The MRC is doing the right thing toward visitation. The administration had their chance, now it is the time for the MRC to take action. I think the men are in full support.
Name Withheld

Find out facts
To Fountainhead:
It is time that the students learn that "our beleaguered SGA officials" have been left alone for too long and this is proven in the SGA's continual sidestepping of controversial issues.

A group of students in the last issue said that this newspaper slandered certain SGA officials. That is a pretty serious charge in itself. To slander someone you must first of all tell a lie about them. Go to a SGA all tell a lie about them. Go to a SGA meeting and you will see that truly nothing gets done. It is about time that people, like this newspaper and David Edwards, got on the SGA's back and tried to make them get something done. If someone isn't doing the job then get rid of them.

If this means printing the truth about them then do it. It is this school got off its ass and started to take a step toward progress. Why must we follow the administration's policy of outright backwardness so as not to hurt the political aspirations of a certain president of this institution?

I agree with the ideas about doing something about the administration's policy of not allowing students to change one of their exams if they have three on one day or the policy of not allowing a student to change a course because he has a bad teacher (yes administration, believe it or not, ECU has some lousy teachers). But ultimately all of these things must be passed by the SGA in the form of a resolution to the administration telling them how we feel.

Now any SGA that won't accept a petition signed by more than 15 percent of the students calling for new elections is not likely going to represent the students and confront the administration with these issues. It is really easier for them to just sit and do nothing which is just about all they get done. I know people will disagree with me but instead of cussing me out, go and tell your SGA representatives how you feel. The only way to get your job is if we, the students, tell them how we feel and make sure they do their job.

Also urge all students to come out and vote when the elections come up. Make sure you know who you are voting for. Maybe next year we won't have the mess that we have this year.
Sincerely,
Jeff Schimberg

Finch-haters
To Fountainhead:
To all the Finch-haters:
I simply want to state that if anyone on this campus can draw up a better cartoon than Finch, then do it. To hell with your opinions, just do a better job.
Chris Williams

Baffled
To Fountainhead:
It's completely beyond my understanding why the administration presumes the right to regulate the private life of students. Visitation as all other affairs of the student should be decided by the representative bodies of the students, not by administrators and the communities.
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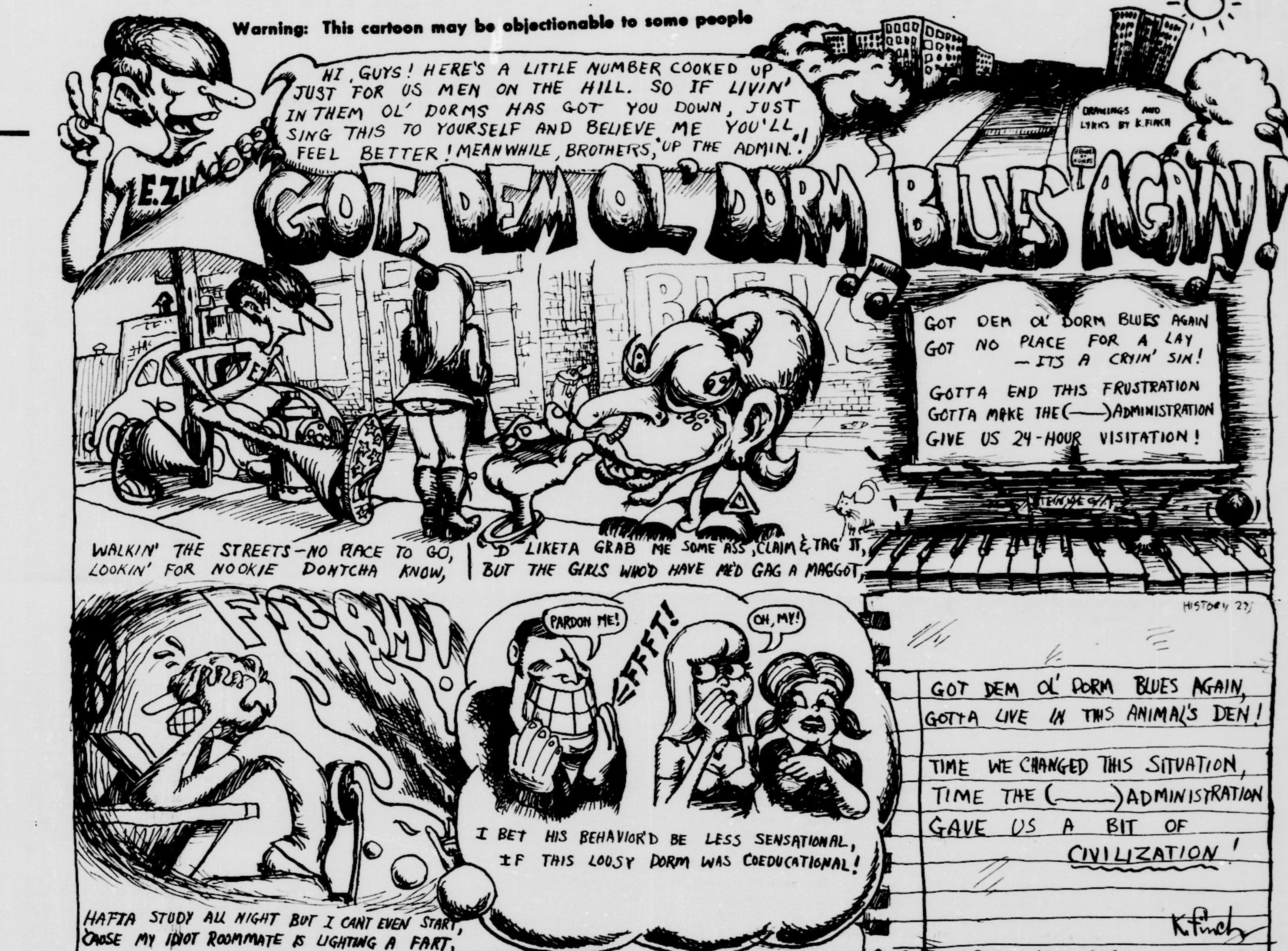
It's not July
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On the 4th day of July at 12 noon, the intensity of the sun's heat is a rather scorching situation. One can wear a bathing suit and remain comfortably warm, and fourteen hours of tobacco burning leaves one with a somewhat fetid odor, then it is suggestive and we may assume that a cool refreshing shower is indeed welcome.

But on the contrary, this is not the 4th day of July and the sun isn't out at 11:30 p.m. Furthermore, who burns tobacco in the winter? Yes, this is winter, below freezing temperatures, heavy apparel, and just merely making an attempt to survive the weather.

Now that we realize the season of year this is, can we now assume that "cold" showers are just too cool?

Wednesday night, Feb. 10, 1971, Aycock dormitory suffered the loss of hot water.

It is now Thursday night and the hot water has not yet been restored. The dormitory students seemed to be in a state of mild panic. Every resident has been



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denied the right of at least one warm shower in the last 28 hours. As a result, many students have resided in filth and grime.

In essence, showers are cold in Aycock dormitory and its residents need and demand an immediate solution. Someone please turn on the hot water.
Name Withheld

Don't tread on us
To Fountainhead:
I back up the MRC concerning visitation. Constitutionally speaking we have the power to regulate visitation. If laws and regulations are not followed by the students, the administration does have the power to stop the students' illegal actions.

But as it stands, the administration is in no legal position to stop our actions concerning visitation. So face it administration, we have our rights, respect them—don't tread on our constitution, or we will tread on you.
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Coed Memorial Fund
To Fountainhead:
The Physical Therapy Students would like to express their appreciation to all those who participated in and contributed to the bake sale for the Linda Faye Arrington Memorial Fund.

A loan will be given to a Physical Therapy student each year in memory of Linda Arrington who was recently killed in an automobile accident. Linda was a student in the first class of Physical Therapy at East Carolina which began in the fall of 1970.
June Gardner

Proposal
To Fountainhead:
To every decision there is both rational and emotional aspects involved. Last spring, the Board of Trustees first realized the growing numbers of students moving out of the dormitories. Their response to this mass exodus was to force all sophomores to live in the dorms. This action proved to be more a financial defense mechanism, and not altogether rational. In the words of Lincoln, "Force is short-lived." Force tends to be emotional rather than rational, and it is this emotional gesture which necessitates sophomores to live in housing conditions which they find far from satisfactory. Force of any means evokes immediate retaliation. This is merely human nature.

At this time we would like to offer this rational solution to the Board of Trustees. Rather than coercive action, we feel that dormitory conditions should be made such that persons would want to live in them; more specifically, turn the dorms into apartment complexes, where both visitation and all manners of conduct are self-regulating. Were this the course of action to be used, the dormitories would easily be filled. It is a well established fact that the cost of dormitory housing is far more economically feasible than off-campus living. The point being that the administration could easily appease their financial difficulties, and at the same time, ease the financial difficulties of those persons otherwise living off-campus.

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A paradox: These guys who spout trash and hang up on us certainly must enjoy receiving their own phone calls. Don't they know there are other guys in the dorm? Maybe they'll change their ways when an emergency call doesn't reach them because one of the other inconsiderate clods forgot to grow up too.

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